(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above. The intake and delivery processes are well streamlined.

Railway information computerisation programme

958. SHR K. MOHANAN:
SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:
SHRI M. A. BABY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rs. 1100 crores railway information computerisation programme is being given to the IBM of USA instead of Electronics Corporation of India Limited;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the decision is likely to help the railways money-wise and efficiency-wise and development of indigenous computerisation system; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir. A decision was taken in 1982 on the type of computer to be utilised for the Central system of the Freight OIS project. This envisaged that the computer could be either an IBM or an IBM compatible computer manufactured by any other company. The tender which was floated for this has not yet been finalised. In regard to the seven zonal computer systems, no decision has yet been taken about the type of computer to be procured.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.

Nehru Yuvak Kendras in Assam

959. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state

(a) what is the total number of Nehru Yuvak Kendras in the country;

(b) what is the number of such Kendras in Assam;

(c) whether there is any proposal for getting such Kendras in Darrang and Jorhat districts in Assam; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) 243.

(b) 8 Nehru Yuvak Kendras are functioning in Assam.

(c) and (d) Nehru Yuvak Kendras for Darrag and Jorhat districts of Assam have been sanctioned and would be made functional as soon as possible.

Conversion of Metre gauge rail lines into Broad Gauge in Madhya Pradesh

960. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the guidelines followed by Government for the conversion of metre gauge rail lines into broad gauge rail lines;

(b) whether Government are considering any proposal regarding the conversion of Indore, Mhow metre